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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 23, 1998, at 2 p.m.

## Senate

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The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we echo Daniel's gratitude, "I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers; You have given me wisdom and might"—Daniel 2:23. We need both of these gifts as we come to the end of this week and the challenges of this day. Thank You for the spiritual gift of wisdom that gives us x-ray penetration into the issues before us. Wisdom comes from listening to You and being open to others who have opened their minds to You. Thank You for the divine discernment that comes from talking to You before we talk publicly. Give us Your perspective. Reveal Your will. Then multiply Your gift of wisdom with might, the courage of our convictions, and the boldness to stand for Your truth.

Oh God, give this Senate men and women like Daniel who know they belong to You, who seek Your supernatural wisdom, who base their leadership on Your values, and who have Your character traits of faithfulness, righteousness, and truthfulness. Bless them as You have blessed lodestar leaders in each period of our history. May this be a great day when Your wisdom and might are expressed with undeniable vigor. Through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from Texas is recognized. Mrs. HUTCHISON. Thank you, Mr. President.

I am speaking now for the leader to let Members know what the script is today.

### SCHEDULE

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will resume consideration of NATO expansion and its treaty, with amendments to the resolution of ratification being offered throughout the day.

As previously stated, any Senators with amendments are encouraged to contact the managers of the treaty with their amendments. As earlier stated, it is hoped that the Senate will be able to make considerable progress on the treaty today.

In addition, the Senate may consider any other legislative or executive business cleared for Senate action.

As previously announced, no rollcall votes will occur during today's session. The next vote will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, hopefully in relation to an amendment to the NATO treaty. Also, the second cloture vote in connection with the Coverdell A+ bill has been postponed, to occur on Tuesday, March 24, in an effort to work on an agreement towards orderly handling of that bill. Therefore, a second cloture vote will occur on the Coverdell A+ bill on Tuesday, if an agreement cannot be reached in the meantime.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SMITH of Oregon). Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now go into executive session to resume consideration of treaty document No. 105-36.

### PROTOCOLS TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY OF 1949 ON ACCESSION OF POLAND, HUNGARY, AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows: Treaty document 105-36, Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on Accession of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

The Senate resumed consideration of the treaty.

Mrs. HUTCHISON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I am going to speak today on the very important responsibility that the U.S. Senate has in ratifying the addition to the NATO treaty.

I am a strong believer in the Senate's constitutional obligation and responsibility to advise and consent on treaties. Generally speaking, I also believe we have an equally strong obligation and responsibility to oversee American foreign policy. In fact, I think too

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